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A.P.O. 78

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Elyria, O.

April 14, 1943

Darling Sweetie,

Well here it is winter again. When I got up this morning, what do you think, there was about 2 inches of snow on the ground and the wind was whistling and it was plenty cold. And this is supposed to be spring, you know, April showers bring may flowers, etc. I shall be so glad when it gets warm once and for all and stays warm.

Didn't you ~~ask~~ ask for a certain thing you want to do. You said in one of your previous letters that you could state your choice as to what branch of the signal corps you want to be in. Or is that like any thing else the Army does. They put you where they damn well please.

Talk about service, you know I told you the "Associate Co" didn't send us our Certificate of Title for the car. Well Monday, Ida wrote them a real snappy letter telling them to send me

the certificate of title right away. Still to-day (Wed) I got the title. They must have mailed it out right away. Still anyway I'm glad I have it. I shall put it in our safety deposit box as soon as I get a chance to. But I don't know when that will be because I work till 3:00 and the banks close at 2:30.

Darling you said when you come home we shall celebrate my birthday. Sweetie, when you come home we shall celebrate every thing, Christmas, new years, Fourth of July, Birthdays, anniversaries all rolled into one. And what a celebration. But one thing, we are going to be by ourselves most of the time. I may be a bit selfish but I want you all to my self.

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The shower still works fine. I love it

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Oh yes, another thing I meant to tell you was that the "Western" girls can get a supplementary stamp for work shoes. That if I need a pair of shoes I don't have to use the stamp out of my book, I file application and have it approved and go to the ration board to get the order. Pretty good huh?

Darling, do you know that you are my sweetest sweetheart, and my love for you is so big that it knows no bounds? I think that's why I can always be so cheerful because I really have something to look forward to when our dreams all come true and the lights go on again all over the world.

Well, Baby, the time has come for me to say so long to my darling
Your own — Fink

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stamp, with print text

“ELYRIA / OHIO / 1943”

encircling date:

“APR 14 / 930 PM”]]

[[Image: 3-Cent Purple
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of Thomas Jefferson.]]

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